



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE

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Rural School Support Centers

- Would establish 1 Rural Education Support Center in Region 1.
- Provides rural districts support to be more flexible, find cost-sharing opportunities and personnel-sharing opportunities.
- Passed the House 44-26.
- Sponsor: Superintendent Ybarra



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Computer Science Initiative

- Initiative calls the development and implementation of:
 - Computer Science standards
 - Enhancing access to instructional resources
 - Professional development on teaching Computer Science
 - Evaluating instructional software providers
 - Supporting the Computer Science initiatives
 - Distributing grants, creating technical postsecondary courses, and to provide associated reports.
- Sponsor: Representative Reed DeMordaunt
- SDE Contact: Scott Cook



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Reading Instruction and Intervention Plan

- Establishes provisions for collaboration between parents and schools.
- Emphasizes strong reading intervention with parental involvement, while developing a reading improvement plan.
- Sponsor: Representative Julie VanOrden
- SDE Contact: Cheryl Finley



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Advanced Opportunities

- Consolidates and streamlines the Advanced Opportunities program.
- Would allow students access to state support at any point in grades 7-12.
- Students have access to \$4,125 used for:
 - Overload Courses, Dual Credit, Examinations
- Sponsor: Senator Steven Thayn
- SDE Contact: Matt McCarter



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Statewide Average Class Size Calculation

- Currently, If their class size exceeds the statewide average, the district begins to lose their exemption at 1% per year.
- This legislation allows for comparisons of school districts based on their student enrollment.
- Sponsor: Karen Echeverria, ISBA
- Contact: Pete Koehler



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Scholarships for Students, Adv Ops

- Provides scholarships to students to:
 - Attend post-secondary schools in Idaho, enter a post-secondary field of study, take rigorous courses while in high school.
 - Any student who has earned at least ten (10) postsecondary semester credits upon graduation from an accredited high school in Idaho, or its equivalent, shall be entitled to a postsecondary credit scholarship in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- Sponsor: Representative Ryan Kerby
- SDE Contact: Pete Koehler



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Idaho School Safety/Security Act

- Creates the Office of School Safety and Security within the Division of Building Safety.
- Provides Idaho educators with on-site security assessments and training.
- Support to identify areas of vulnerability and provide technical assistance in schools.
- Sponsor: Representative Wendy Horman
- Contact: Division of Building Safety



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Evaluations Deadline

- Moves the completion date of evaluations from May 1 to June 1, allowing for ISAT data to be returned to the districts.
- If there is a delay of ISAT data, not available 30 days prior to June 1, other objective measures may be used.
- Sponsor: Karen Echeverria, ISBA
- SDE Contact: Lisa Colon



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Literacy Support Program

- Defines students who score basic and below basic, are considered below grade level.
- Specifies intervention requirements.
- Increases requirement from 40 hrs to 60 hrs for below basic, and a minimum of 30 hrs for those identified as basic.
- Sponsor: Representative Julie VanOrden
- SDE Contact: Cheryl Finley



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60-Day Supplemental Contracts

- Allows supplemental contracting for counselors, school psychologists, nurses, etc.
- 1-60 days beyond the end of the standard teaching contract year.
- Allows districts to the ability to issues separate contracts for extra days.
- Sponsor: Representative Ryan Kerby
- SDE Contact: Pete Koehler



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Continuous Improvement Plans

- Incorporates task force recommendations into the district continuous improvement plan.
- Scores will be based on three grade bands: High School, K-8, and K-6 for “*statewide student readiness and improvement metrics*”
- Sponsor: Representative Steven Harris
- Contact: State Board of Education



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Local Innovation School Act

- Allows awarded applications the ability to evaluate existing laws and rules, and request waivers.
- Allows educators the opportunity to receive waivers in exchange for clearly demonstrated outcomes. Awards \$10,000 to 10 awarded applicants.
- Sponsor: Representative Wendy Horman
- Contact: State Board of Education



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Career Ladder, Pupil Services Staff

- Language includes the establishment of student outcome-based criteria, in addition to the existing student achievement criteria that are applicable to the work that Pupil Service Staff perform in supporting students.
- Allows Pupil Service Staff to move on the Career Ladder based on quantifiable student outcomes, similar to Instructional Staff.
- Sponsor: Representative Reed DeMordaunt
- SDE Contact: Tim Hill



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Education Staff Allowance

- This legislation would allow school districts and public charter schools to receive salary-based apportionment based on adjusted Mid-term support units, if Best 28 Weeks support units are at least 3% greater than Mid-term support units.
- The adjustment is equal to 75% of the difference between Best 28 Weeks support units and Mid-term support units.
- Sponsor: Representative Reed DeMordaunt
- SDE Contact: Tim Hill



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Leadership Premiums

- Adds new section for an award: *Serving or being hired to serve in a hard to fill instructional position in a career technical education program.*
- Increases the minimum award to \$900, but the distribution would remain at \$850 per instructional or pupil services staff.
- Sponsor: Representative Julie VanOrden
- SDE Contact: Pete Koehler



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College and Career Advising Calculation

- Clarifies the distribution of funding for college and career advising to school districts and public charter schools.
- Allows for full distribution of the appropriated \$5 Million.
- Sponsor: Representative Julie VanOrden
- SDE Contact: Tim Hill



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CTE, Additional Allocation

- Adds to provisions of the career ladder to provide an allocation of \$3,000 for school district and charter school instructional staff who hold an occupational specialist certificate.
- Sponsor: Representative Julie VanOrden
- Contact: State Board of Education



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Public Schools Funding Formula Study

- This resolution authorizes the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the public school funding formula.
- The committee will evaluate the existing formula to assess how it meets the needs of different learning modalities, serves Idaho students, and provides fiscal stability.
- Sponsor: Rep. Wendy Horman, Sen. Chuck Winder



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Mastery-Based Education

- Allowed for up to 20 schools or districts to participate.
- Allows for appropriated funds to be sent to schools and districts.
- \$1.35M of \$1.4M will be sent to districts.
- Sponsor: Department of Education
- SDE Contact: Kelly Brady



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STEM Education Fund

- The legislation creates the STEM Education Fund to support the initiatives and work of the Idaho STEM Action Center.
- Created to drive student experience, engagement, industry alignment, and provide Idaho students with competitive employment opportunities in STEM.
- Funded at \$2 million.
- Sponsor: Governor's Office
- Contact: Angela Hemingway



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College and Career Advisors

- Amendments require school districts to establish a plan as to how they will address college and career advising for their students and provides for a minimum reporting framework.
- Annual reporting on college and career advising methods and district established goals will be included in their continuous improvement plan.
- Sponsor: Senator Jim Patrick
- Contact: State Board of Education



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Parental Rights in Education

- The new chapter defines the reasonable accommodation offered to parents and guardians, outlines how school districts and public charter schools shall facilitate parental involvement in the education of their children, and provides that parents may withdraw their children from an activity or class.
- Sponsor: Sen. Mary Souza, Sen. Lori Den Hartog
- SDE Contact: Pete Koehler



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Broadband Infrastructure Improvement

- Creates the Broadband Infrastructure Investment Grant Fund (BIIG Fund).
- The BIIG Fund helps those districts leverage existing funding to get the connectivity they need.
- Funded at \$2.7 Million
- Sponsor: Sen. Dean Mortimer, Rep. Luke Malek
- SDE Contact: Chris Campbell



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Education Opportunity Resource

- Establishes a resource for Idaho's education and library system by providing broadband and related services to students.
- Further defines the Education Opportunity Resource Committee, its responsibilities, powers and membership.
- Funded at \$2.7 Million
- Sponsor: Sen. Dean Mortimer, Rep. Luke Malek
- SDE Contact: Chris Campbell



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Civics Test, Special Education

- Revises the Civics Test statute language
- The applicability of this sub-section to a pupil who receives special education services shall be governed by such pupil's individualized education plan.
- Sponsor: Senator Jim Patrick
- SDE Contact: Charlie Silva



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Charter School Replication

- Management of charter schools as well as allowing for a streamlined process for charter holders to replicate high achieving charter schools
- 30-day notification prior to public hearing
- Sponsor: State Board of Education
- SDE Contact: Michelle Clement Taylor



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